

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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12 March 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Oil Shipment to Guatemala

1. On the afternoon of 11 March 1954 the undersigned spoke with [] of OO concerning Mr. Leddy's telephone call to Col. King advising of a bunker fuel oil shipment to Guatemala. [] advised that it should be relatively easy to accomplish the following:

- a. to determine whether the shipment was truly bunker fuel oil or some other type;
- b. to determine whether the shipment was actually destined for the Guatemalan Government;
- c. to contact the California office for additional information.

[] also stated that an attempt would be made to ascertain the origin of the shipment and whether there was any evidence of transshipment. He then stated, however, that he was rather hesitant about trying to talk the sellers and/or shippers out of making the shipment, stating that this was a matter for the Department of State.

2. For reference purposes [] assigned a case number to this task: 15315 and informed the undersigned that [] x2268, would handle the details.

3. The meeting was terminated at 4:40 PM with Mr. [] stating that they should have some information for us on 12 March 1954.

4. On the morning of 12 March 1954 [] telephoned the undersigned to determine definitely if an attempt should be made to talk the shippers out of making the shipment. In answer to this Mr. Esterline telephoned Mr. Leddy of the Department of State who replied in the affirmative. [] was in turn advised.

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